

PATENT APPLICATION

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For: PLATE-MAKING METHOD, PLATE-MAKING APPARATUS USED IN
SUCH PLATE-MAKING METHOD, AND IMAGE RECORDING MATERIAL

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant submits the following explanations:

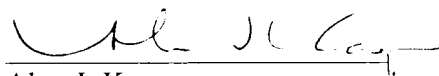
1. JP-B-7-13740 is discussed beginning at page 13 of the specification;
2. JP-A-5-164982 is discussed beginning at page 27 of the specification;

3. WO 99/53242 and WO 98/21521 are discussed beginning at page 27 of the specification.

4. JP-A-3-69949 and EP-B-549486 are discussed beginning at page 34 of the specification.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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